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Letter dated 16 July 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a declaration issued by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union concerning the resolution on Burundi adopted by the Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) in Yaoundé on 10 July 1996 (see annex).

I would be grateful if you could have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 43 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

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Declaration by the European Union welcoming the resolution on Burundi adopted by the Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity in Yaoundé on 10 July 1996

Recalling its previous declarations and common position on Burundi and, in particular, the declarations of 25 June 1996 and 5 July 1996, the European Union warmly welcomes the resolution on Burundi adopted by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) Assembly of Heads of State and Government, held in Yaoundé from 8 to 10 July 1996.

The Union particularly welcomes the reaffirmation by OAU of its support for the Mwanza peace talks under the facilitation of former President Nyerere and its encouragement to him to continue with his efforts based on and incorporating the principles of sustainable democracy and security for all the people of Burundi and an all-inclusive negotiation process. The Union reiterates its appreciation of the untiring efforts of former President Nyerere and its support for his peace initiative in this context.

The declaration in the resolution of OAU's full support for the outcome of the Arusha Summit of 25 June 1996, especially the acceptance of the request by the Government of Burundi for security assistance in order to complement and reinforce the Mwanza peace talks, as well as creating conducive security conditions for all parties freely to participate in the Mwanza process, is also welcomed by the Union.

The European Union reaffirms its willingness to support the realization of the Arusha objectives with a view to restoring peace and security in Burundi. It remains ready to help Burundi in its economic and social recovery when political and security conditions make it possible to begin its rehabilitation.